

## 82<sup>nd</sup> continues to roll during Warrior Sweep

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*Editor's note: This is part two of a two-part series on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division's participation in Operation Warrior Sweep.*

**AYUBKHEL VALLEY**, Afghanistan—A day after the elements of 2nd Battalion, 505<sup>th</sup> and 2nd Bn., 504<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiments, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division endured a six-mile march through rugged mountains and high altitudes, the infantry soldiers prepared to search a village for any signs of Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters.

In their previous operations over the past six months in Afghanistan, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Abn. Div. has conducted many village searches, but the one conducted July 26, the fourth day of the Division's

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*Six Afghan Persons Under Control (PUCs) are moved in to position to be loaded onto a CH-47 Chinook Helicopter. They were taken into custody by soldiers of Co. B, 2-505th Inf. Reg., 82nd Abn. Div. during their "Cordon and Search" mission in a village in the Ayubkhel Valley..*

## Road march commemorates chaplaincy contributions

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan – Rucksacks, weapons, combat boots and determination were abundant in the early morning hours Tuesday as hundreds of Bagram Air Base personnel gathered to commemorate the 229<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary with an 11-kilometer road march.

A road march was chosen to help celebrate the anniversary because “we wanted to get across the message that chaplains are not restricted to refined

settings,” said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Kenneth L. Sampson, Headquarter and Headquarters Company, CJTF-180. “We’re out there with the soldiers, airmen, Marines and sailors too.”

The challenge of the road march lured several different groups from the coalition forces on Bagram because “military are drawn to physical activities,” said Chaplain (Maj.) Dale A. Dibernardinis, 213<sup>th</sup> Area Support Group.

The participants, each with at least a 25-pound rucksack on his or her back and a weapon in hand, began the trek just as the sun began to peek over the

mountains.

“The people who came out here got out of bed early” of their own free will, said Staff Sgt. Robert J. Blome, 452<sup>nd</sup> Combat Support Hospital. “That’s what I like: motivated soldiers. It’s good to be around them.”

One motivated soldier, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class James J. Bagg, Co. K, 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, said he participated “just to see if I could do it,” he said. “It wasn’t as hard as I thought, but I’ve been practicing for weeks.” He tied for fifth.

Lt. Akakrawut Hongmak, with the Thai-

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



U.S. soldiers take Adnan Abdullah Abid al-Musslit, who according to the Army was one of Saddam Hussein's top bodyguards, into custody.

## Purported voice of Saddam mourns sons

**DUBAI**, United Arab Emirates — The purported voice of Saddam Hussein mourns his two dead sons and hails them as martyrs on an audiotape broadcast Tuesday by the Arabic-language network Al Arabiya.

On the tape, the speaker said to be Saddam thanks God that his sons had the opportunity to die as they did July 22 during a fierce firefight with U.S. troops in the northern city of Mosul.

The tape was released one week after Uday, 39, and Qusay, 37, were killed.

"The souls of great people have been elevated as martyrs and returned to its creator. They are like precious birds in the presence of merciful God," the voice says.

"Your brothers Uday, Qusay and Mustafa, the son of Qusay, have all stood a great fight as believers, in Mosul. After a hard fight against the enemy lasting six full hours, the enemy could not get to them after surrounding them with all its equipment until they fired missiles via airplanes."

The speaker, using the third person, went on to say: "If Saddam Hussein had the option to sacrifice other sons, other than Uday and Qusay, Saddam Hussein would have sacrificed them the same honorable way.

"It is our duty. It's a duty on every believer. Our freedom and patriotism call upon every believer to sacrifice themselves. We

must be of those believers who make history and testify to our bravery."

CNN has not independently confirmed that the voice is Saddam's.

The coalition said Tuesday that it has Saddam on the run.

Raids early Tuesday morning in Tikrit netted a bodyguard and two associates of the deposed leader — including a brigadier general thought to be a leader of a paramilitary group staging deadly attacks against U.S. forces, a U.S. military official said.

## Jury deadlocks in videotaped beating case

**LOS ANGELES** — A judge in California declared a hung jury Tuesday in the case against a white former police officer who punched and slammed a handcuffed black teenager onto a squad car during a videotaped arrest.

Jeremy Morse, who was fired from the Inglewood Police Department after three years on the job, had faced one count of assault under color of authority. If he had been convicted, he could have faced a maximum sentence of three years in state prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Prosecutors said they will review the case to decide whether to retry it, and Morse's lawyer said he will ask the judge to prevent another trial.

The jury acquitted Morse's partner, Bijan Darvish, of filing a false police report on the incident. He had also faced up to three years in prison.

Darvish and his attorney pounded their fists on the table in front of them when his acquittal was announced, and Darvish hissed "Yes!" but was told by the judge to be quiet.

After the hung jury was declared on the charge against Morse, someone in the courtroom shouted "There's no justice here!"

Morse was caught on amateur video shot last summer that showed him picking up then-16-year-old Donovan Jackson, slamming him onto the trunk of a patrol car and punching him in the face — all while the teen was handcuffed.

Jackson, who was in the courtroom, showed little reaction to the findings.

The jury deliberated more than three days without reaching a verdict on the charge against Morse.

The jury foreman told the court that seven of the 12 jurors — only one of whom is black — wanted to find Morse guilty of using excessive force, and the other five wanted to acquit him.



Senators Dorgan and Wyden criticize Pentagon's plans for terror market at news conference.

## Plan for 'terror market' canceled

**WASHINGTON** — The Pentagon will abandon a plan to establish a futures market to help predict terrorist strikes, the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee said Tuesday.

Sen. John Warner said he spoke by phone with the program's director, "and we mutually agreed that this thing should be stopped."

Warner announced the decision not long after Senate Democratic Leader Thomas Daschle took to the floor to denounce the program as "an incentive actually to commit acts of terrorism."

"This is just wrong," declared Daschle.

Warner made the announcement during a confirmation hearing for retired Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, nominated to be Army chief of staff.

The little-publicized Pentagon plan envisioned a potential futures trading market in which speculators would wager on the Internet on the likelihood of a future terrorist attack or assassination attempt on a particular leader.

A Web site promoting the plan already is available.



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participation in Operation Warrior Sweep, proved to be their most successful one yet.

The soldiers worked in squads and methodically searched the houses of the first major village they encountered during the operation.

One squad quickly uncovered grenades, blocks of C-4 plastic explosives and various types of ammunition in a locked storage room of one house.

"This wasn't too different from our other missions," according to Squad Leader, Staff Sgt. Brandon Gass, Company B, 2nd Bn., 505th Para. Inf. Regt. "We've cleared villages four times since we've been in country. We've been out a couple times and haven't found anything, but finding stuff gets everyone's adrenaline going and it makes the operation a whole lot more exciting."

In another house a different squad uncovered an old Russian military two-way radio, a 50-pound crate of dynamite, a rocket propelled grenade round, a box of anti-aircraft rounds, and hundreds of 7.62 mm and handgun rounds.

Other 82<sup>nd</sup> Abn. Div. soldiers added to the growing list of confiscated ammunitions and explosives, finding more 20 RPG's, dozens of grenades, and scores of small arms ammunition.

An engineer team from 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, 307<sup>th</sup> Engineer Bn., later destroyed the ammunition and explosives found by the infantry soldiers.

Despite finding a stockpile of ammunition and explosives in the village, no military rifles or weapon firing systems were found.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Che Atkinson, a platoon leader with Co. B, 2nd Bn., 505 Para. Inf. Regt., believes the enemy forces may have known ahead of time about the soldiers' coming.

"The (Taliban and al-Qaeda) personnel knew we were coming so they packed up what (weapons) they could, but they



*Sgt. Brandon Gass, Co. B, 2-505 Inf. Reg., 82nd Abn. Div. and soldiers from 2nd Sqd. uncover a large cache of ammunition and explosives while searching a house in the Ayubkhel Valley.*

left a lot of stuff behind," said Atkinson. "And the more stuff we find, the less stuff they have to come back to."

Along with finding the ammunition caches, the soldiers also took six local nationals into custody for further questioning at Bagram Airbase.

The six Persons Under Control (PUCs) were taken into custody because ammunition or explosives were found in their homes, or based on assessments made by the Military Interrogation Team on site.

Dealing with local population proves to be a difficult task for soldiers, who can't easily differentiate regular citizens from enemy forces, according to Spc. Edward Michel, 3<sup>rd</sup> Plt., Co. B, 2-505<sup>th</sup> Inf. Reg.

"They blend in with the local population and there's not really much we can do," said Michel. "You can't go in there and just rustle up a bunch of villagers because that's not the way we do business."

For Sgt. Nick Cameron, Co. B, 2nd Bn., 505 Para. Inf. Regt., local national children actually helped his squad with a large ammunition cache.

"When we went to the house that we actually found the bad stuff in, the kids knew nothing about it but they were more than willing to help us with everything," Cameron said.

Although there has been no contact with anti-coalition or anti-government forces, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Abn. Div.'s role in Operation Warrior Sweep has been a great success, according to 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. LaMarquis Knowles, Co. B, 2nd Bn., 505<sup>th</sup> Para. Inf. Reg.

"This has been the most successful mission we've been on, based on the fact that we've recovered so much ammunition and explosives," Knowles said. "This culminates everything we've done in six months."

The operation is currently ongoing.

So far, no 82<sup>nd</sup> Abn. Div. soldiers have sustained major injuries during the operation.



*An 82nd Airborne Division soldier aided by a local Afghan boy search through hay for Taliban and al-Qaeda weapons and ammunition in a village in the Ayubkhel Valley in southeast Afghanistan.*

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Participants sprint to the finish line of the 11-kilometer road march Tuesday. The road march was held to commemorate the 229th Chaplain Corps anniversary.

land forces, said the challenge was a lot easier than what he's use to, but he enjoyed himself nonetheless.

Dibernardinis said that the troops are always trying to challenge and improve themselves, and "the evidence of that was that a lot of people had at least 25 pounds, and many had more than that," he said.

"They didn't have to, but they really wanted to push themselves and pace themselves even further."

Dibernardinis said the challenge gave personnel time to ponder who chaplains are, relative to the military, because the participants pushed themselves physically, emotionally and spiritually.

"That's why we chose a road march to celebrate the anniversary," said Staff Sgt. Irether Gaines, 229th Aviation Reg. and noncommissioned officer of the Tiger Regiment ministry team.

"It's very important to us to be able to reach everyone," she said.

The first 200 participants who finished received a minted coin designed by Sampson, and the rest of the participants received a certificate for completing the road march.

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building:

"Harry Potter." Harry ignores warnings not to return to Hogwarts, only to find the school plagued by a series of mysterious attacks and a strange voice haunting him.

Tomorrow's movie will be "I-Spy."



## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	Today	Thursday
<b>Bagram:</b>	Mostly clear H: 99F L: 72F	Mostly clear H: 99F L: 66F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	Dusty H: 108F L: 84F	Dusty H: 108F L: 84F
<b>Kabul:</b>	Dusty H: 97F L: 72F	Haze H: 97F L: 70F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	Clear H: 94F L: 58F	Clear H: 98F L: 65F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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# Coalition Sports Zone

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## County to launch Web site for Kobe case

**EAGLE, Colo.** — Citing “intense public and media interest” in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case, a judge issued a detailed order Tuesday for reporters covering next week’s hearing.

Reporters will be barred from using cell phones and tape recorders inside the courthouse; photographing witnesses, potential jurors, and Bryant’s accuser and her family; and parking on court grounds. Those spaces will be reserved for people involved in the trial, according to District Judge Terry Ruckriegle’s order.



**Kobe Bryant**

Eagle County District Attorney Mark Hurlbert has filed a felony charge of sexual assault against Bryant, a Los Angeles Lakers star accused of assaulting a 19-year-old Eagle woman June 30.

Bryant has said the sex was consensual. His initial court appearance is scheduled Aug. 6.

Hundreds of daily media calls have prompted officials to lock the district attorney’s office to the public.

The Colorado Judicial Branch is launching a page this week devoted to the high-profile case on its Web site ([www.courts.state.co.us](http://www.courts.state.co.us)). The page will have information on hearing schedules, motions rulings, biographies of judges and other details.



*Phil Mickelson is a picture of concentration off the tee.*

## Mickelson, Garcia steal spotlight in prime-time exhibition

**RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif.** — Phil Mickelson and Sergio Garcia saved their best golf for the bright lights.

Mickelson and Garcia, both winless this year in tournaments that count, stole the spotlight from the world’s best two players by beating Tiger Woods and Ernie Els, 3 and 1, in the “Battle at the Bridges.”

It was the fifth version of Monday Night Golf, the made-for-TV exhibition designed to bring golf to prime time. This one featured the best golf and the least amount of fun.

When the sun dropped behind the foothills, and the lights came on, Garcia and Mickelson shined. Both hit their second shots over the water to the 571-yard 16th hole.

Els hit his approach into the water, while Woods caught a bunker left of the green.

Garcia, who had missed several birdie putts that could have given his team a big lead, finally came through with a 30-footer that was true as soon as it left his putter.

That gave them a 2-up lead, and they closed out Woods and Els on the 17th hole when the Nos. 1 and 2 players in the world failed to come close to a birdie.

It was only the second time Woods has lost since the Monday night exhibitions began in 1999, both times to Garcia.

They each earned \$600,000 from the \$1.7 million purse, while Woods and Els got \$250,000 each.

## Tiger puts away Nike driver for Titleist

**ESPN** — Tiger Woods is paid roughly \$20 million a year to endorse the Nike brand, but the world’s top-ranked golfer isn’t contractually obligated to use Nike clubs.

Woods, who has continued to use a 3-wood, wedges and putter made by Titleist, used a Titleist driver for Monday night’s Battle at the Bridges. He switched from a Titleist to a Nike driver in January 2002.



**Tiger Woods**

Mike Kelly, business director for Nike’s golf club division, told *ESPN.com* that he expects Woods to use the Titleist driver “at least through the PGA Championship.”

Woods informed Nike of his decision last week, Kelly said.

“Golfers do this all the time,” Kelly said. “For whatever reason, they feel that they aren’t performing well enough, so they go back into the garage and get something different.”

Woods has won two majors and nine tournaments with the Nike driver. A Titleist spokesperson declined to comment on the switch by Woods, who will use a Titleist 975D model that is no longer on the market.

The issue for Nike is that Woods — who has four wins in 11 Tour events this year — prefers a driver with a smaller head and slower face, but the market trend is production of clubs with a larger head and faster face. More than 85 percent of Nike’s business is made up of drivers with a larger face, Kelly said.

“Professional golfers win majors by playing with clubs they believe in and feel good using,” said Kelly. “The bottom line is we want Tiger to be in a position to win.” Nike owns between 2 percent and 4 percent of the total driver market, but Kelly said he expects the



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move to have “virtually no impact on our club business.”

“He needs to be running the show and you can tell by this that he is,” Kelly said. “We don’t know what will happen, but we’ll present him with new designs later on this fall.”

### **Second Jags lineman collapses in camp**

**JACKSONVILLE**, Fla. — Jaguars tackle John Henderson had shortness of breath and was taken to a hospital Tuesday, the second player on the team to have problems with the heat at training camp.

The 6-foot-7, 310-pound Henderson was released from the hospital a few hours later, but it wasn’t immediately known when he would be back at practice, said team spokesman Dan Edwards.

During the morning practice, Henderson went to the sidelines and dropped to his knees. He was quickly surrounded by trainers, who laid him on the ground, stripped off his uniform and sponged him down with ice and cold water.

The temperature at practice was 82 under an overcast sky. With humidity factored in, it felt like 86.

On Sunday, defensive lineman Larry Smith collapsed on the field and was hospitalized. He has since rejoined the team, but didn’t practice outdoors.

“I’m going to have to take a look at what the big guys are doing in individual practice,” coach Jack Del Rio said. “I know within the body of the practice, we’re not overdoing it with our team. We’ve just happened to have two guys that really succumbed to the heat.”

Henderson went down with cramps Sunday, when it was 87 degrees, and sat out of most of the practice. He said he didn’t eat and drink enough at breakfast.

Del Rio said Smith’s collapse has prompted the Jaguars to consider getting portable lights and practicing at night.

### **NCAA approves Florida A&M for Division I-A football**

**TALLAHASSEE**, Fla. — The NCAA has approved Florida A&M’s application to move its football program to Division I-A and the historically black university could be playing at college football’s highest level by 2004.

No other historically black college is in Division I-A.

“This is a great day for Florida A&M athletics and the university,” interim athletic director J.R.E. Lee III said Monday. “The NCAA’s decision will allow us to move full speed ahead with our plans to take not only football, but the total athletic program to the highest level.”

Florida A&M, which submitted its application to move up from Division I-AA in June, had been in Division I-AA since the classification was created in 1978. That year, the Rattlers won that level’s first football national championship.

The school’s move makes the Rattlers ineligible for the 2003

Division I-AA playoffs and the 2003 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference football title.

The status of Florida A&M’s other sports will be decided by the MEAC Council of Presidents.

### **Glazer and Dodgers have deal in place**

**LOS ANGELES** — News Corp. Ltd. has worked out a deal to sell the Los Angeles Dodgers to football magnate Malcolm Glazer, but both sides are waiting on approval of the deal from the National Football League, a source familiar with the situation said Tuesday.

A News Corp. spokesman declined to comment on whether a deal was imminent.

Sources have indicated in the past that the difficulty with the deal was NFL rules on football team owners also owning teams in other sports, and how they pay for and fund those teams. Glazer and his family own the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, winners of the last season’s Super Bowl.

The source familiar with the discussions said it did not appear an announcement of a final deal was imminent.

“I don’t think anything’s going to happen this week,” said the source, adding that none of News Corp’s Fox television assets would be included in the sale.

In May, billboard magnate Arturo Moreno bought the Anaheim Angels baseball team for \$180 million from Walt Disney Co.

**"What's the matter, honey, I thought you wanted an SUV?"**



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